THE WAY OF.

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CHAPTER XXV.

Y autumn I was one of the young est colonels in the Federal army. Thus it was easy for me to find a brief furlough when we passed near Leesburg on our way to the Bine Ridge Gap, and I then ran down for a look at our valley.

I found Dr. Bond to his little brick office at the top of the bill overlook. ing the village. It was he who first showed me the Richmond papers with lists of the Confederate dead. Colonel Sheraton's name was among the first I saw. He had been with Cumming's forces, closely opposed to my own position at Bull Run. His son Harry, practically at his side, was seriously, possibly fatally, wounded and was now in hospital at Richmond.

I showed Dr. Bond the last writing of Gordon Orme and put before him the Bank of England notes that I had found on Orme's person, and which, by the terms of his testament, 1 thought might perhaps belong to me.

"Could I use any of this money with clean conscience?" I asked. "Could it honorably be employed in the discharging of the debt Orme left on my fam-115 ?"

"A part of that debt you have alrendy caused him to discharge," the old doctor answered slowly, "You would be doing a wrong if you did not olige him to discharge the rest."

al counted out and laid on the desk before him the amount of the funds which my father's memoranda showed had been taken from him by Orme that fatal night more than a year ago. The balance of the notes I tossed into the little grate, and with no more ado we burned them there.

We concluded our conference in regard to my business matters. I learned that the coal lands had been redeemed from foreclosure, Colonel Meriwether having advanced the necessary funds; and as this now left our debt ning to him, I instructed Dr. Bond to take steps to cancel it immediately and to have the property partitioned as Colonel Meriwether should deter-

"And now, Jack," said my wire haired old friend, "here's something you ought to see. I saved it for you over there the morning you threw it into

He spread out on the top of the desk a folded bit of bide. Familiar "You saved but half," I said. "The

other half is gone. He pushed a finke of snuff far up his long nose, "Yes," said he quietly. "I sent it to her some three months

"What did she say?" "Nothing, you fool. What did you

"Now, my son," he concluded savngely, "if you ever dreamed of marrying any other woman dash me if I wouldn't come into court and make this indenture witness for you bothfor her as well as you! Go on away now, and don't bother me any more."

Our forces passed up the valley of Virginia and rolled through the old Rockfish gap. We overspread all the Piedmont valley and passed down to the old town of Charlottesville, It was nearly deserted now. The gay southern boys who in the past rode there with their negro servants and set at naught good Thomas Jefferson's intent of simplicity in the narrow little chambers of the old University of Virginia now were gone with their horses and their servants. Today you may see their names in bronze on the tablets at the university doors.

I had quartered my men about the quiet old place when I heard the voice of my sentry challenge and caught an suswering word of indignation in a woman's voice.

A' low, single sented cart was halted near the curb, and one of its occupants was apparently much angered. I saw her clutch the long brown rifle barrel which extended out at the rear over the top of the seat. "You git out'n the man," repeated she, "or I'll take a shot at you for luck. We done come this fur, and I reckon we c'n go the

That could be no one but old Mandy McGovern. For the sake of amusement I should have left her to make her own argument with the guard had I not in the same glance caught sight of her companion, a trim figure in close sitting corduray of golden brown, a wide hat of russet straw shading her

face. It was Ellen! Her face went rosy red as I hastened to the side of the cart and put down Mandy's arm. She stammered, unable to speak more connectedly than I myself. Mandy could not forget ber

in ser and insisted that she wanted to are the "been "

"I am the coline! in command right here, Aunt Mardy." I said. "Won't I

"You a kninel?" she retorted. "Looks to me like kunnels is mighty easy made if you'll do No; we're atter Ginral Meriwether, who's comin' here to be the real boss of all you folks Say, man, you taken away my man and my boy. Where they at?" "With me here," I was glad to an-

swer. "safe and somewhere not far away The boy is wounded, but his arm is nearly well." "Ain't got 'null fightin' vit?"

be just beginning." "Humph! Reckon they're happy,

then. If a man's gittin three squares a day and plenty o' fightin', don't see whut more he kin ask."

"Corporat," I called to my sentry, who was now pacing back and forth before the door, hiding his mouth behind his hand, "put this woman under arrest and hold her until I return. She's looking for Privates Auberry and McGovern, G company, First Virginia volunteers. Keep her in my office while they're sent for. Bring me my bag from the table."

It was really a pretty fight, that between Mandy and the corporal. The | No. no!" latter was obliged to call out the guard for aid. "Sick 'em. Pete!" cried Mandy when she found her arms plu- | But now I caught her. loned, and at once there darted out from under the eart a bairy little demon of a dog, mute, mongrelish, pink enred, which began silent havocwith the corporal's legs.

I looked again at that dog. I was ready to take it in my arms and cry out that it was my friend. It was the I two out there, you should do as I said, little Indian dog that Ellen and I had as I desired. And I say now you must. tamed. Why, then, had she kept it? Why had she brought it home with her? I doubt which way the contest would have gone had not Mandy seen me climb into her vacated seat and take up the reins. Pete then stolidly took up his place under the cart.

We turned and drove back up the shady street. Ellen and 1. I saw her fingers twisting together in her lap, but as yet she had not spoken. The flush on her cheek was deeper now. She beat her hands together softly. confused, half frightened, but she did ot beg me to leave her.

"If you could get away," she began at last, "I would ask you to drive me back home. Aunt Mandy and I are living there together. Kitty Stevenson's visiting me-you'll-you'll want to call on Kitty. My father has been in east Kentucky, but I understand he's ordered here this week. Major Stevenson is with him. We thought we might get word and so came on through the lines."

"You had no right to do so. The pickets should have stopped you," I said. "At the same time, I am very glad they didn't."

"So you are a colonel," she said after a time, with an army girl's nice reading of insignia.

"Yes." I answered, "I am an officer. Now if I could only be a gentleman!" "Don't!" she whispered. "Doa't talk

in that way, please. "Do you think I could be?" "I think you have been." she whispered, all her face rosy now. Then she pointed to a mansion house on a far off hill-such a house as can be found nowhere in America but in this very valley-an old family seat, lying reserved and full of dignity at a hilltop shielded with great oaks.

"That is our home," she said, "We have not often been here since grandfather died, and then my mother. But this is the place that we Meriwethers all call bome."

As we approached the gate I heard behind us the sound of galloping horses. There came up the road a mounted officer, with his personal escort, an orderly, several troopers and a grinning

"Look, there he comes! It is my father!" exclaimed Ellen. And in a moment she was out of the cart and running down the road to meet him, taking his hand, resting her cheek against his dusty thigh, as he sat in saddle. The officer saluted me sharply. "You

I saluted also and caught the twinkle

in his eye. "On detached service this morning, general," I said. "If you please, I shall report to you within the hour."

He wheeled his horse and spurred on up along his own grounds, fit master for their stateliness. A wide seat lay beneath one of the oaks. We wandered thither, Ellen and I. The little dog, mute, watchful, kept close

at her side. "Ellen," said I to her. "the time has come now. I am not going to wait any longer. Read this." I put into ber hand Gordon Orme's confession. She read, with horror starting on her face. "What a scoundrel-what

a criminal!" she said. "The man was a demon. He killed your father!" "Yes, and in turn I killed him." I said slowly. Her eyes flashed. She was savage again as I had seen her. My soul leaped out to see her fierce, relentless, exulting that I had fought

and won, careless that I had slain. "Orme did all he could to ruin me in every way," I added. "Read on." Then I saw her face change to pity as she came to the next clause. So now she knew the truth about Grace Sheraton and, I hoped, the truth about

John Cowles. "Can you forgive me?" she said brokenly, her dark eyes swimming in tears as she turned toward me.

"That is not the question," I answered slowly. "It is, Can you forgive me?" Her hand fell on my arm imploringly.

"I have no doubt that I was much to blame for that poor girl's act," I

sentinued. "The question only to. Has my punishment been enough or can it be enough? Do you forgive me? We all make mistakes. Am I

But she would not yet answer. So

"I killed Gordon Orme myself in fair fight, but he wrote this of his own free will. . He himself told me it would be proof. Is it proof?"

She put the paper gently to one side of her on the long sent. "I do not need it." she said. "If it came to question of proof we have learned "No: both be and Auberry seem to I, since we last met you. But I have never needed it; not even that night we said goodby. Ah, how I wanted you back after you had gone!"

"And your father?" I asked her, my hand falling on hers.

"He knows as much as ! Lately he has heard from your friend, Dr. Bond. We have both learned a great many things. We are sorry. I am sorry. I have always been sorry."

"But what more?" I asked. "Ellen!" She put out her hands in a sort of terror. "Don't." she said. "I have put all this away for so long that now-I can't begin again. I can't! I can't! I am afraid. Do not ask me. Do not.

She started from the seat as though she would have fled in a swift panic.

"Stop!" I exclaimed, rage in all my heart. "I've been a fool long enough, and now I will have no more of foolishness. I will try no more to figure niceties. I'll not try to understand a swear that if we were alone again, we you shall."

She sank back against the rail with a little sigh as of content. a little smile as of a child caught in mischief and barred from escape. Oh, though I lived a thousand years, never would I say I understood a woman!

"Now we will end all this." I said, frowning. I caught her by the arm and led her to the gallery, where I picked up the bag I had left at the driveway. I myself rang at the door, not allowing her to lead me in. The orderly came.

"My compliments to General Meriwether." I said, "and Colonel Cowles would like to speak with him."

He came, that tall man, master of the mansion, dusty with his travel, stern of face, maned like a gray bear of the hills. But he smiled and reached out his hand. "Come in, sir," he said. And now we entered.

"It seems you have brought back my girl again. I hope my welcome will be warmer than it was at Laramie." He looked at us, from one to the other, the brown skin about his "I have certain things to say, gen-

ed to him the confession of Gordon Orme. He read it with shut line. "Part of this I know already," he

said finally, "but not this as to your



father. You have my sympathy, and, sir, my congratulations on your accounting for such a field. There at besitated before continuing.

"As to some details. I regret that my daughter has been brought into such matters," he said slowly. "I regret also that I have made many other matters worse, but I am very glad that they have now been made plain. of all this. I infer that he has ad- people are supplied at present. vised you of the condition of our joint business matters?"

"Our estate is in your debt, general," said, "but I can now adjust that. We shall pay our share. After that the lands shall be divided or held jointly, as yourself shall say."

"Why could they not remain as they are?" He smiled at me. "Let me

hope so." I turned to Ellen. "Please." I said. "bring me the other half of this."

I flung open my bag and spread upon the nearest table my half of the record of our covenant, done, as it had seemed to me, long years ago. Colonel Meriwether and I bent over the half rigid parchment. I saw that Ellen had gone, but presently she came again, hesitating, flushing red, and put into my hands the other half of our indenture. She carried Pete, the little dog. under her arm.

I placed the pieces edge to edge upon

the table. The old familiar words looked up at me again solemnly Again I felt my heart choke my throat as I read: "I, John Cowles-I, Ellen good enough for you. Ellen? Answer Meriwether take thee un til death do us part."

I handed her a pencil. She wrote slowly, frenkishly, having her maiden will; and it seemed to me still a week to a letter as she signed. But at last her name stood in full-El-len Mer-1-w-e-t-h-e-r.

"General," I said, "this indenture witnesseth! We two are bound by it. We have 'consented together in holy wed lock.' We have 'witnessed the same much of these matters, my father and before God. We have 'piedged our faith, either to other."

He dashed his hand across his eyes; then, with a swift motion, be placed he, "I've always wanted my girl to be taken by an army man-an officer and a gentleman. Dash it, sir!-I beg your pardon, Ellen-give me that pencil. I'll sign my own name. I'll witness this myself! There's a regimental chaplain with our command-if we can't find a preacher left in Charlottesville."

"Orderly!" I called, with a gesture asking permission of my superior.

"Yes, orderly," he finished for me, "get ready to ride to town. We have an errand there." He turned to us and motioned us as though to ownership, bowing with grave courtesy as he himself left the room. I heard the chatter of Mrs. Kitty greet him. I was conscious of a grinning black face peering in at a window-Annie, perhaps. They all loved Ellen.

But Ellen and I. as though by instinct, stepped toward the open door, woman. But, gentleman or not, I so that we might again see the mountain tops.

I admit I kissed her! THE END.

TITANIC HEROES LAUDED

Mgr. Russell Says Their Courage Furnished Example for the Young

Mgr. William T. Russell, pastor of not been made public. St. Patrick's Catholic Church, last night at the Belasco theater, plucked the one bit of comfort in the sinking of the steamship Titanic, and that was that it left the name of America without a blemish, says an easiern exchange. He dwelt with pathetic eloquence upon the heroic work of Mai. Archibald W. Butt, of Col. Astor, of Mr. Straus and others prominent in the life of America, told the story of Father Byles and his fellow-priest. who went to comfort the friendless men and women in the steerage and prayed with them until the vessel disappeared from the face of the sea, and he drew the lesson that whatever may have been the loss in other ways America was the gainer in the courage and manliness of its men and wo-"I have certain things to say, gen-eral." I began. We were walking into deadliest peril. There men, he said, the hall. As soon as I might I hand- accomplished more for their country than they ever could have done had they lived to win honor and fame in the men and women who died to fur-

nish it left a noble heritage. Mgr. Russell was the chief speaker at the last of the benefit performances for the national Titanic memorial fund. His address was supplemented with a concert by the United States marine band and the exhibition of a special series of kinemacolor pic-

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doubt of the existence of a sad state drought which nearly ruined the crops. gry. They, however, do not seem to tire fleet. mind it very much. The presidente of Sagay has reported to Governor MAJ. CHASE'S WIFE Yulo that ever a thousand men in ris municipality are without work. The government, at the instigation of Governor Yulo, sent Mr. Carballo to Sagav and offered the men fifty centavos. went to work. There will, in all prob- Criminal Court 1. least justice has been served." He ability, be considerable suffering in

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immediately took steps to insure san- spond to telegrams sent to him. itary measures being adopted, it is hoped this is but an isolated case.

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is asserted here by those who profess to know, that Theodore Roosevelt will appear before the committee investigating the charges made by Senator our hands together. "My boy," said Penrose. The Senator from Pennsylvania tonight declared that he proposes to "drive this thing through if keep Congress here the rest of the

Over-Night Wireless To the Advertiser

President Taft vesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of Maj. Beecher B. Ray, U. S. A., to be deputy paymaster general with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Maj. Ray's alleged political activity in 1908 and other of his acts while in the army have been a subject of congressional investigation.

The Turkish commission, which has been investigating the massacre of Bulgarians by Musselmans at Katschana, fifty miles southwest of Uskup, sponsibility of the Turkish military authorities. Steps are being taken to court-martial the officers implicated.

The bark Nuuanu, which arrived recently at Honolulu from New York, has been sold by C. Brewer & Co. to Capt. John Barneson. The price has

[The Star-Bulletin gave the news of this sale and the price paid in a previous issue.]

Maj. M. S. McClure, Fifth Cavalry, arrived in San Francisco at headquarters and is awaiting the next transport to join his regiment at Schofield Bar-

Emperor William of Germany yesterday sent a wreath of lilies bearing the imperial crown as a monogram, to be placed on the bier of Gen. William Booth

Wireless experiments with the new hydroplane designed by the Wright brothers, which is being perfected by the surviving member of the famous pair, is in a fair way to prove a success. Wright, the famous aviator, while attempting a flight, at Dayton, O., fell into Miami river, when a wing of his machine folded up under him. industrial or military accomplish- One of the broken wings struck him ments. America needed just such an in the face as he fell, but he escaped example for her young manhood, and with slight injuries. His fall was not more than thirty feet.

> President Taft today signed the budget, which provided an appropriation for the continuance of the commerce court to March 4. It is believed this means that congress will now be able to adjourn Saturday afternoon.

President Taft, in an interview today with the San Francisco Call correspondent, said, "It is absurd to sutpose that the Navy kept on the Atlantic is more for the defense of the home coast than the Pacific. The fleet is in the Attantia merely because it ILOILO, P. I., July 23.—There is no can be operated and be repaired at less cost than if it were on the Pacific of affairs at Sagay, Hanapla, Cadiz. Coast. We must have equal facilities Escalante and other towns in Negros on the Pacific Coast in order that the Occidental. First came the terrible Navy be maintained efficiently and economically in either ocean. The and only recently the locusts and la l navy stations on the Pacific Coast gustus have destroyed every green and the naval base in Pearl Harbor thing in agray district leaving the must be brought to the point where people in many instances actually hun- they can care for the needs of the en-

IS ADJUDGED INSANE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8 .- Mrs. Edith Chase, wife of Major Arthur H. (25c. gord) per day to work, which they Chase. United States Army, stationed refused at arst, stating that the mills at the Presidio, who told the police at Cadiz paid sixty centavos. Mr. Can here several months ago of being ballo, however, refused to give more robbed of thousands of dollars of jewwith the consequence that fina ? a elry in a taxicab in this city, was tonumber accepted the half peso and day adjudged insane by a jury in

Joseph W. Clark, a business partner some of the towns as a result of the of Mrs. Chase's father in Wilmington, many misfortunes they have had visit. Del., was a witness at the trial. He stated it was the desire of her father At Cadiz Nuevo, Negros Occidental, to have her placed in a sanatorium Presidente Santos is employing all the near the Delaware city. Clark testiidle men he can use in repairing the fied that her mental trouble is due to streets. Many have applied to the an operation she underwent in 1896 Dr. Samuel Bond of Wallingford, your the works of the Insular Lumber Courtainly said, was on her head, and that subse-father's friend, has cleared up much pany, for employment, and the mill quently she became addicted to the On the fifteenth instant a case of liquor, drank clear alcohol. He said cholera was discovered at La Carlota, ther husband had "apparently aban-Negros Occidental by Dr. locsin who doned her," as he has failed to re-

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ed Saturday in New York city the board of health figures the rate is low, considering the increase in population. Piscel Balais of Trenton met Miss Rosa Razca at 9 o'clock, propesed at 10 o'clock, was accepted at 10.01, and was married within 13 hours after the introduction.

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